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SUBJECT: LUNS REPORTS TURKISH CONCERN OVER DCA

1. DURING MEETING ON OTHER MATTERS THIS MORNING SYG LUNS BROUGHT UP TURKISH DCA ONCE AGAIN AND URGED EARLY ACTION BY ADMINISTRATION. LUNS SAID HE HAD DINED LAST EVENING WITH IMPORTANT TURKISH LEADERS, WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY. FROM THEIR CONVERSATION AND THAT OF OTHERS, LUNS SAID HE JUDGED TURKS WERE NOW AT THE END OF THE ROAD WITH RESPECT TO THEIR FRUSTRATION OVER LACK OF ACTION ON TURKISH DCA BY AMERICAN CONGRESS. THEY HAD NOW WORKED THEMSELVES INTO A STATE OF MIND WHICH MIGHT LEAD TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE DECISIONS OF GREAT AND HARMFUL CONSEQUENCE TO NATO AND INDEED HURT THEMSELVES AS WELL. HE MENTIONED ECEVIT'S THREAT TO BOYCOTT WASHINGTON SUMMIT. HE URGED WASHINGTON TO RECOGNIZE GRAVITY OF SITUATION AND TAKE ACTION WITH THE CONGRESS TO MOVE DCA ALONG.

2. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT HE COULD ASSURE LUNS THAT WASHINGTON IS FULLY AWARE OF TURKISH PROBLEM AND CONCERNED OVER IT. DURING HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AMBASSADOR HAD FOUND FULL AWARENESS OF
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TURKISH PROBLEM AT TOP LEVELS OF ADMINISTRATION, TOGETHER WITH DETERMINATION TO GET MATTERS BACK ON THE TRACK WITH TURKEY. IN RESPONSE TO LUNS' REQUEST, AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD OF COURSE BRING SYG'S VIEWS TO THE ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT WITHOUT DELAY.

3. COMMENT: LUNS HAS BEEN CONCERNED OVER TURKISH

SITUATION FOR SOME TIME, AND THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN
HIS PRESENT APPROACH. AS HE REQUESTED, HIS VIEWS AND
HIS RECOMMENDATION FOR URGENT ACTION ARE BROUGHT TO THE
DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION. THERE IS NO DOUBT HIS CONCERN
IS GENUINE. BENNETT

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